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Condemning the Russian Federation's kidnapping of Ukrainian children.

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Mr. BACON (for himself, Ms. MACE, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. DOGGETT, and Mr. FITZPATRICK) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Condemning the Russian Federation's kidnapping of
Ukrainian children.

Whereas, on February 24, 2022, the Russian Federation invaded the sovereign State of Ukraine in violation of international law;

Whereas Russian troops have since committed horrendous atrocities and human rights violations;

Whereas, as of March 2023, the Russian Government has kidnapped and removed tens of thousands of innocent children from their homes in Ukraine;

Whereas the Russian Government continues to falsely claim that the parents and families of these exploited children are dead;

Whereas the Russian Government is actively transporting these kidnapped children to “reeducation camps” and remote areas like Murmansk, Kamchatka, and the North Korean border where they have created dozens of new “child custody centers”;

Whereas, rather than a humanitarian project as Russia claims, these reeducation camps are designed to brainwash the young and malleable minds of children into supporting the horrors being committed in Ukraine and into supporting the empire of evil President Vladimir Putin seeks to construct by any means necessary;

Whereas this practice is in direct contradiction to any standard of reasonableness and civility;

Whereas this practice was employed by dictator Adolf Hitler;

Whereas this practice was employed by dictator Joseph Stalin;

Whereas this practice was employed by dictator Mao Zedong;

Whereas this practice was employed by dictator Pol Pot;

Whereas this practice was employed by dictator Augusto Pinochet;

Whereas this practice is historically associated with sadistic tyrants and dictators who pose a threat to humanity, world peace, prosperity, and human rights; and

Whereas children everywhere should be protected against all forms of neglect, cruelty, and exploitation: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

1 (1) condemns in the strongest possible terms
2 the Russian Federation’s abduction of innocent chil-
3 dren from their families in Ukraine and relocation to
4 reeducation camps where they are indoctrinated,
5 abused, and exploited;

6 (2) rebukes every other nation that provides aid
7 and support to the Russian Federation’s kidnapping
8 enterprise;

9 (3) condemns forced adoption of Ukrainian chil-
10 dren by Russian citizens contrary to international
11 intercountry adoption norms and the Hague Conven-
12 tion governing intercountry adoption; and

13 (4) implores the Russian Federation to work
14 with international human rights and children welfare
15 organizations to ensure the return of Ukrainian chil-
16 dren to their home country at the earliest available
17 opportunity.

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